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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

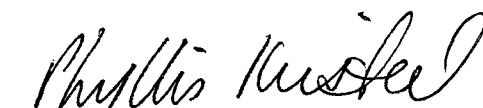
Responsive to the action mailed May 9, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group I without traverse, and Species I with traverse. Claims 1-35, 37, 38 and 40-46 read on Species I.

Applicant submits that claims 1-35, 37, 38 and 40-46 are generic to all of the identified species, and that claim 36 is generic to Species II-IV. Thus, should any of claims 1-35, 37, 38 and 40-46 be found allowable, claim 36 should also be considered. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

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